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NOTES ON THE RED UNDERWING, *CATOCALA NUPTA* L. (LEP.: NOCTUIDAE) — On 18th September 1984 I captured a female *nupta* in my garden m.v. trap. Following advice from Bernard Skinner, the moth was confined to a netting-covered container with a pad of sugar-soaked paper for food. The next morning, several eggs had been laid through the netting. A few more eggs were added each night until around 50 had been laid, at which time the moth expired.

The eggs, still attached to the netting and contained in a small plastic box, were overwintered in an outside car-port. In spring they were lightly sprayed and transferred to a refrigerator until the leaves on the local black poplars (*Populus nigra* L.) were about to open. The first larva hatched in late April, with a second ten days later (when the first was about one inch long) and a third after a further two weeks. The first larva formed a loose cocoon in soil during the first week in June, followed by the other two a week later. All the moths emerged between the 8th and 9th July. (No doubt indoor rearing caused these early emergences).

The interesting observation is that although there were four weeks between the first and last hatchings, the larvae pupated within two weeks of each other, and emerged within two days! R. F. McCORMICK, FRES 125 Brocks Drive, North Cheam, Surrey.

PINION-SPOTTED PUG (*EUPITHECIA INSIGNIATA* HUBN.) (LEP.: GEOMETRIDAE IN SUFFOLK. — A single male of this species was caught in the Rothamsted Insect Survey light trap at Broom's Barn Experimental Station near Bury St. Edmunds (Site No. 88, O.S. Grid Ref. TL 752 656) on the night of 4/5-vi-1985. So far as I am aware this species has not previously been recorded in Suffolk. Thanks are extended to A. Thornhill for operating the trap at Broom's Barn. ADRIAN M. RILEY, Dept. Entomology, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts. AL5 2JQ.